

House Resolution 2009

By: Representative Mangham of the 94<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Harvey Meredith Grissom; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Reverend Harvey Meredith Grissom; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Grissom was born in Brazil, Indiana, on March 8, 1926, the beloved  
6 son of Manese and Ruth Grissom, and brother of Mickey, Kenneth, LaSidra, and Crystal; and

7 WHEREAS, in high school Reverend Grissom was known for his athletic abilities and broke  
8 many records in track and football; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Reverend Grissom served as a guardian of  
10 this nation's freedom and liberty in the United States army, valiantly and bravely protecting  
11 democracy and countless lives; and

12 WHEREAS, during his service to this country, Reverend Grissom discovered the sport of  
13 boxing and trained as a serious contender for a Golden Glove championship before a serious  
14 injury forced him to retire from the sport; and

15 WHEREAS, Reverend Grissom was united in love and marriage to Marion Green on March  
16 20, 1954, and he was blessed with five remarkable children, the Honorable Richard Green,  
17 LaSidra Roberson, Crystal Grissom, Kenneth Green, and Mickey Green; 20 grandchildren,  
18 and 11 great-grandchildren; and

19 WHEREAS, Reverend Grissom was called to serve the Lord while ushering at his church,  
20 and his commitment to God gave him the strength to work full time at a factory and attend  
21 Bible College; and

22 WHEREAS, inspired to improve the lives of others, Reverend Grissom and his wife were  
23 instrumental in the creation of the City Wide Mission which has ministered to hundreds in  
24 nursing homes and helped countless individuals in finding their path to God; and

25 WHEREAS, Reverend Grissom led the congregation of Eastern Star Missionary Baptist  
26 Church before being called to serve as pastor of First Glory Missionary Baptist Church in  
27 November of 1965; and

28 WHEREAS, in 1988, Reverend Grissom received his doctorates of divinity and retired from  
29 First Glory in 2008 after 43 years of dedicated service; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Reverend Grissom will long be  
31 remembered for his love of God, family, and friendship, and this loyal husband, father,  
32 grandfather, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Harvey Meredith  
35 Grissom and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Reverend  
38 Harvey Meredith Grissom.